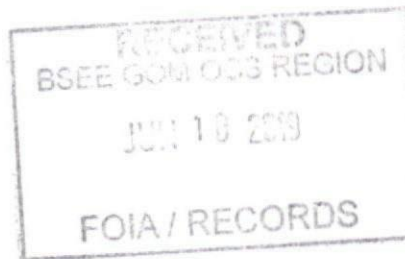


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Mr. Drew J. Brown  
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Houston, Texas 77210

Dear Mr. Brown:

By letter dated April 25, 2019, ConocoPhillips Company (Conoco) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) for the Garden Banks Block 783 Unit (the Unit), Agreement No. 754399007. The Unit consists of portions of Leases OCS-G 11573 and 11574, and was held by an SOP through April 30, 2019.

Production from the Unit was shut in on November 7, 2017, due to a downstream transportation incident. Conoco's letter dated October 17, 2018, initially requested an SOP for the Unit through January 8, 2019, in order to repair the third-party gas export pipeline on another operator's downstream platform, which receives all production from the Unit. By letter dated November 6, 2018, Conoco amended the initial SOP application, asserting that repair activities would be completed and unit production restored prior to the end of April 2019. By letter dated January 16, 2019, Conoco again revised its SOP activity schedule with an updated scope and timing of repair work for the commencement of production by the end of April 2019.

Conoco has asserted that repairs would be completed in less than two months, then six months, and now requests an SOP for an additional three months. Considering the extensive time that has already transpired, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) expects Conoco to restore production to the Unit by the end of July 2019.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP for the Garden Banks Block 783 Unit is hereby approved from May 1 through July 31, 2019. Be advised, however, that Conoco has already had sufficient time – since November 2017 – to restore production to the Unit, and we do not intend to grant an additional SOP if Conoco fails to restore production from the Unit by July 31, 2019.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Imran Vahora at (504) 736-2664 or [imran.vahora@bsee.gov](mailto:imran.vahora@bsee.gov).

Sincerely,

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Richie D. Baud  
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✓ Leases OCS-G 11573 and 11574 - Public (GE 555A)